

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 333

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A RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress to repeal the REAL ID Act of 2005.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly, as citizens of Tennessee and of the United States, are deeply concerned about the implementation of the REAL ID Act of 2005, which mandates a national identification card for each citizen of the United States; and

WHEREAS, fully understanding of the national concerns with terrorism, the members of this General Assembly believe that the REAL ID Act of 2005 does little to prevent terrorism while foisting an \$11 billion implementation cost on the taxpayers of this country and inviting the very real threats of identity theft and invasion of privacy upon those individuals forced to conform to this national identification program; and

WHEREAS, the REAL ID Act of 2005 creates national standards for issuing state driver licenses and identification cards, standards which include the requirement of each person submitting that person's permanent address, creating a potential for privacy invasion and identity of theft; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine, on January 26, 2007, overwhelmingly passed a resolution objecting to the REAL ID Act of 2005 and, within one week of that action, several other states, including Georgia, Vermont, Washington, Montana, Wyoming, and New Mexico, voiced concerns about participation in the federal identification network; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee wishes to join those states in strenuously urging the members of Congress to repeal the REAL ID Act of 2005; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that this General Assembly on behalf of the people of Tennessee, refuses to

implement the REAL ID Act of 2005 and thereby formally protests the treatment by Congress and the President of the several states as agents of the federal government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we hereby urge the members of the United States Congress to repeal the REAL ID Act of 2005.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security, the Governor of the State of Tennessee, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, and each member of the Tennessee Congressional Delegation.